National Policy on Biogas Technology

2419. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Biogas can meet 90 per cent of the cooking energy needs of the projected 660 million people of Rural India in the year 2,000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-commercial sources of energy like firewood, crop wastes and cattle dung can supply about 90 per cent of India's cooking energy; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to conserve the natural resources and check the environmental pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) According to the estimates of Advisory Board on Energy, published in a report entitled "Towards a Perspective on Energy Demand and Supply in India in 2004/05" in May, 1985, biogas can meet cooking energy needs of about 10 to 18 per cent of the projected rural population in the country in the year 2004/05 A.D.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Steps taken by Government to conserve natural resources and check environmental pollution include provisions for technical and training support, financial assistance including central subsidy, publicity and awareness raising compaigns, etc. for promoting biogas plants and improved chulhas under two separate Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes. About 20 lakh family type biogas plants and 170 lakh improved chulhas have already been set up in the country. For 1994-95, a target of setting up of 2 lakh family type biogas plants and 26 lakh improved chulhas has been allocated to State Governments and agencies.

Training to candidates for Civil Services Exams

2420. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates from Gujarat who have qualified Civil Services Examinations during the last three years and have been selected, year-wise;

(b) what has been the representation from the State of Gujarat in the National average of the said examinations during the period and

(c) whether Government propose to provide training facilities for Civil services examinations in Gujarat to facilitate the youths of that State in view of the backwardness in education in the tribal belt of the Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) In view of the Constitutional provisions of equality of opportunity for entering into Government service, State/region wise representation in the All India Services is not monitored centrally.

(c) Education being a State Subject, it is for the Government of Gujarat to provide adequate facilities for the coaching of aspirants from Gujarat for appearing in Civil Services Examination.

Norms for Officials for contesting elections in Sports Bodies

2421. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have revised norms for officials contesting elections in any National Level Sports Bodies; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the changed norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Government have issued instructions recently laying down the principles to be followed while considering requests from Government servants for seeking election to or holding elective offices in sports federations/associations. The relevant instructions as contained in the Deptt. of Personnel and Training O.M. No. 11013/9/93-Estt. (A). dated 22nd April, 1994 and Deptt. of Personnel and Training letter No. 11017/9/92-AIS (III) dated 14th July 1994 are laid on the Table of the House as Statement.

Statement

Department of Personnel and Training OM No. 11013/9/93-Estt (A) dated 22nd April, 1994 referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2421 for 11th Aug 1994.

Subject: CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964-Rule 15-Contesting in elections to sports bodies etc.

As the Ministries/Departments are aware, previous sanction of the Government is required as per Rule 15 (1) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 for a Government servant to hold an elective office or canvass for a candidate or candidates for an elective office, in any body, whether incorporated or not. Under Rule 12 of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, previous sanction of the Government or of the prescribed authority is also necessary for a Government servant associating himself with raising of any funds or other collections in pursuance of any object whatsoever. It hardly needs to be emphasised that the entire time of the Government servant particularly a senior officer, should be available to the Government and no activities unconnected with his official duties should be allowed to interfere with the efficient discharge of such duties. The need for curbing the tendency on the part of a Government servant to seek elective office in sports federations/associations at the national/state level has been considered carefully and it has been decided that the following principles should be followed while considering requests from Government servants for seeking election to or holding elective offices in sports federations/associations:—

(i) No Government servant should be allowed to hold elective office in any sports association/federation for a term of more than 4 years, or for one term whichever is less.

(ii) While seeking office (for which prior permission of Government should be obtained) or supporting the candidature of any person for election to sports bodies, a Government servant should not indulge in conduct unbecoming of a Government servant.

(iii) A Government servant must refrain from raising of funds or other collections from officials as well as non-official sources for the promotion of sports at any level.

(iv) Prior clearance from the Government of India must be obtained for any travels abroad in connection with the work or other activities of any sports federation / association. While seeking such clearance, the officer must indicate the source of funding or the foreign trip including travel, hospitality and other expenses and when permitted to go, he must do so by availing of leave due and admissible to him.

2. Ministries/Departments are requested to ensure that these instructions are conveyed to all concerned and enforced strictly.

3. In so far as persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned these instructions are being issued after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(V. NATARAJAN)
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

All Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.
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No. 11017/9/92-AIS (III)

Government of India

Ministry of Personnel P.G. and Pensions Department of Personnel and Training New Delhi

Dated, the 14th July, 1994.

To

The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/UTs.

Sub: All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968-Rule 13-Contesting elections to sports bodies etc. instrucions regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 26th July 1993 on the subject mentioned above and to say that approval for contesting elections in any National Level sports bodies for the officers serving in connection with the affairs of the state will be granted only by the Central Govt. (i.e. Dpett. of Personnel and Training for IAS, Ministry of Home Affairs or IPS, Ministry of Environment and Forests for IFS) and not by the respective State Governments.

Yours faithfully,

(M. N. VIDYASHANKAR)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy to:

1. MHA, IPS-1 Section
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3. M/o Environment and Forests.

Yours faithfully,

(M. N. VIDYASHANKAR)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Review of Retirement Policy

2422. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider evolving a common retirement age for Central Government servants, public sector employees and employees in nationalised financial institutions;

(b) what are the reasons for not reviewing the present retirement policy in above sectors;

(c) whether there has been a demand from nationalised financial institutions to permit enhancement of retirement age; and

(d) the steps proposed to increase the age of superannuation keeping in view the longevity?